

REMARKS

Claims 13-17 are pending in this application.

Applicant has amended claim 13, and has canceled claims 1-12, 18, and 19. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

In light of Applicant's election of claims 13-18 for prosecution on the merits, Applicant has canceled nonelected claims 1-12 and 19. Applicant reserves the right to pursue nonelected claims 1-12 and 19 in a timely filed divisional application.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's prompt indication that claim 18 defines allowable subject matter. As will be explained in more detail below, Applicant has amended the claims to place the subject application in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicant has amended independent claim 13 to include the features specified in original claim 18, which, as indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action, defines allowable subject matter. Accordingly, independent claim 13, as amended herein, defines allowable subject matter. In light of the changes to claim 13 made herein, Applicant has canceled claim 18. Each of claims 14-17 depends from claim 13. As such, these claims also define allowable subject matter for at least the reason that they depend from claim 13.

Applicant respectfully submits that the changes to claim 13 made herein render the prior art rejections set forth in the Office Action moot. In particular, Applicant submits that 1) the rejection of claims 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(a) or (e) as being anticipated by *Basol et al.* (U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2003/0106807 A1) is moot, and 2) the rejection of claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Basol et al.* in view of *Yi* (U.S. Patent No. US 6,461,226 B1) is moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of claims 13-17, as amended herein, and submits that these claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the

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event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 749-6902**. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P452).

Respectfully submitted,
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